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## Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed, you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to implement a site development project at the Weigh Station Fishing Access Site (FAS) near the town of Bonner in Missoula County. The project would include improving the highway approach and defining a parking area with up to 30 parking spaces, replacing the pioneered boat ramp with a concrete boat ramp, and installing a concrete vault latrine. The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate public recreational use of the FAS and to prevent further degradation along this stretch of the Blackfoot River. The proposed improvements would continue to provide for the site's additional use as a seasonal big game check station during the general deer/elk hunting season.

The EA may also be obtained by: mailing to the address above; phoning 406-542-5500; emailing <a href="mailto:shrose@mt.gov">shrose@mt.gov</a>; or viewing FWP's Internet website <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> ("Public Notices," beginning June 8).

Comments should be submitted to Chet Crowser at FWP by: mailing to the address above, emailing <a href="mailto:crowser@mt.gov">ccrowser@mt.gov</a>, or phoning 406-542-5562. Comments on this Draft EA and proposal must be received by FWP no later than 5:00 pm on July 9, 2012.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, I expect to issue the Decision Notice for this EA soon after the end of the comment period.

Sincerely,

Mack Long

Regional Supervisor

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